GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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BAN ON CHEWING TOBACCO
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether chewing of tobacco has resulted in more and more number of patients suffering from mouth cancer;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to ban chewing tobacco soon since it lead to mouth cancer; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) : The use of tobacco in smokeless form is one of the non-risk factors in causation of mouth cancer. Out of the estimated number of oral cancers attributable to tobacco use in the country. 46,660 cases developed their disease because of the use of smokeless tobacco.

(b) & (c) : There is no proposal to ban chewing tobacco at present.